

The Bad Habit of Exaggeration

By Beatrice Fairfax.

EXAGGERATION is simply a dressy form of untruthfulness. Very often as much harm is done by exaggerating a fact as by actually telling an untruth.

It is all a matter of habit and can be cured if one takes the trouble to try hard enough.

The trouble is that with some people the cold fact never seems big enough, they must enlarge on it. Hundreds become thousands, inches become yards under this skilful manipulation. They feel that they cannot impress people unless they can make a big story.

In reality, people soon grow to place no reliance on the stories told by the exaggerator.

They know that if he tells them he saw a crowd of thousands of people it was really only a crowd of a few hundreds.

If he tells them he has met a perfectly beautiful girl they know she is moderately pretty, and so forth.

His stories are of no value, because they cannot be relied on. There is no characteristic more contemptible than that of telling untruths.

A small lie is just as bad as a big one. Some people seem constitutionally unable to tell the truth. They lie on all occasions, even when they have nothing to gain by it.

One reason for this is that they cannot bear to appear not to know everything. No matter what you tell them, they will have had similar experiences.

They boast of knowing people whom they have never met. They tell marvellous tales of experiences they have never gone through.

And they never seem to imagine that there is a limit to the credulity of their listeners.

Don't get the habit of telling petty untruths. It is a horrid habit and can't help but have its effect on your character.

Don't go about thrusting unpleasant truths upon your friends before you are asked your opinions, but when you are asked tell the truth.

If you are given to exaggeration, try and cure yourself. Learn to give plain facts without distortion.

It is a fine thing to establish a reputation for truthfulness and reliability. Don't for a moment imagine that because it harms no one a lie is excusable.

It harms you, even if no one else is affected by it. One little lie can work up a great tangle of deceit. It grows like a snowball and the first thing you know you are fathoms deep in deception.

Stick to the truth in big and little things, and remember that "a lie that is half the truth is ever the blackest of lies."—New York Journal.

The Dead Man and His Money

By Elbert Hubbard.

THE principle that a dead man cannot own property, and that he can control property only just so far as it pleases the living, through sentiment, to respect his desires when alive, and no such thing as inherent rights of the dead can obtain, is everywhere admitted.

Now, the reason money diverts to next of kin is based on the legal fiction that the kin need it. In other words, the idea that the family is a clan still obtains, and that to keep the money in the clan is right and proper—the clan being supported by its members and no other.

Young children may need support—so do cripples and old folks. Yet parents have no legal claim on a grown-up son's property, neither have sick, crippled or defective sisters and brothers.

Cases are constantly occurring where widows and children are left penniless, the deceased husband and father leaving no property, and this condition, instead of being their undoing, is their making. Money left to people who do not earn it is usually a curse.

Dr. Johnson said that the Law of Primogeniture was a good thing, as it limited the number of fools in a family to one. The abolition of the Law of Inheritance would limit the number of fools, rogues, incompetents and other remittance men to a point where their existence would no longer be a menace to civilization.

The nations of the earth that have died the death were ruined by and through those who inherit that which they had not earned.

The man who consumes and wastes and does not produce is a burden like the grasshopper.

And women loafers are as bad as men.

To inherit money, as a rule, stops the evolution of the individual. Our so-called smart set is made up of people who have been damned by inheriting money they did not earn, and so are a danger and a disgrace to civilization.

The problem of civilization is to get rid of the parasite.—New York American.

The Great American Office Boy

Arthur Warren.

AMOST difficult person to "organize" is the office boy. We hear so much about the bright American boy, and the achievements of the public schools, that the wonder is where the office boys come from. They bring certificates of some sort from their teachers, but—! Every big concern has a procession of boys trooping through its offices and works day after day. But the boys, for the most part, are obstinate and incompetent. When a bright boy appears he finds his opportunity quickly enough, and if he has a strong power he will get on. But the majority of youngsters that apply for jobs have no manners, they can't spell, and they are always watching the clock. They don't know whether San Francisco is in Cuba or the Philippines, or whether Los Angeles is in Spain or the Sandwich Islands and discrimination in the matter of foreign postage is beyond them. Discipline they object to, and they abhor taking orders. When it comes to that, the average young American of today does not take orders easily. He seems to suspect some hidden design upon his freedom and equality. After all, rudimentary information in geography, orthography, the wearing of hats and the omission of coats in offices, and certain glimmerings of politeness are not without importance in business. The average applicant for office-boydom has no notion of responsibility. He will take a job today and abandon it tomorrow, on any pretext, or on none at all.

But in capacity for vexation the average stenographer can give him points. Most stenographers are good laundresses or baseball pitchers spoiled. Polysyllables try their souls; the uncommon word fuddles their keys; language is, in their minds, a device by which intelligent communication can be prevented, and initiative is a term without meaning. They believe that punctuation is given only to the gods, for they themselves know nothing of it. On the other hand, really capable stenographers are among the most helpful equipments of a business office but, their rarity is beyond belief.—Success.

Fashions Crime.

By Former Police Commissioner McAdoo, of New York City.

COMPARED with what it is today, New York thirty years ago was a mere village. Crime was then congested in spots; criminals' headquarters were as well known as the City Hall. The old-time sleuth would go down to certain places, mostly south of Fourteenth street, and well known, at least by reputation, to old New Yorkers, and get some one to tell him who committed the last job, or probably have the thief himself give up the property.

Start the old-timers talking about old "joints" and you will give them a pleasant hour. Twenty years ago I stood on the steps of a down-town hotel with a celebrated detective, and in the course of an hour he pointed out twenty professional crooks, all specialists. They were as well known as the big men in the financial district, and it was considered a privilege to meet them.

The old veteran burglars, with a dark-lantern, a bottle of chloroform and a sponge, half of a candle, a bundle of keys, a big revolver and a knife, a kit of tools, and a black-jack, belong to a school entirely different from these people. The old-time burglar survives now, mostly in suburban places. He operates in New Jersey or Long Island, and attacks the isolated house; he has to make sure of the dog, and he goes armed as aforetime, prepared for a hard fight, and a long chase, if necessary. Then the army of confidence men is constantly changing. The old fellows are either in jail or dead, and the new ones are not yet sufficiently known to the police; they have not built up their reputations, as it were. Strange to say, however, the old swindlers still remain staple goods in the criminal market. Advertise it as you will, the deacon from the mountains of Tennessee or the peaceful villages of Indiana still comes on to get his bundle of counterfeit money.—Harper's Weekly.

Wind Increases Niagara's Flow. When strong westerly winds pile up the water of Lake Erie at its eastern end, where the outlet is, the flow over the Niagara cataract is sometimes increased 40 per cent. above the normal volume.

TAR HEEL CROP BULLETIN

General Summary of Condition of North Carolina Crops for Week Ending Monday, June 25, 1906.

The weather during the fore part of the week was partly cloudy with numerous thunderstorms, while during the latter portion, there were less cloudiness and fewer thunderstorms. The rainfall over the State as a whole was somewhat below normal and was not well distributed. At New Bern 3.26 inches was reported which is much above normal, while at Hatteras only 0.01 inch fell which is much below normal. In Beaufort county there is some complaint of too much rain, the fields being under water one-fourth of the time; and in Montgomery and Forsyth counties the land rains were so heavy as to cause damage. In Chatham county the land is reported as being badly washed. In Burke, Davidson, and Wilkes counties, damage by hail which accompanied a thunderstorm on the 21st was reported, which damage in places was severe. A correspondent of Montgomery county reports that after his report of the week ending June 18th was mailed a severe wind accompanied by a destructive hail storm occurred on that day.

The average temperature for the State was about normal. The day temperatures rose very high, while the nights were relatively cool. The highest temperature reported was 95 degrees on the 21st in Johnston county; and the lowest was 52 degrees on the 23rd in Buncombe county.

RURAL CARRIERS' CONVENTION

Third Annual Convention to be Held at Kinston July 3rd and 4th.

Following is the programme of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association, which is to be held at Kinston, July 3rd and 4th.

July 3, 11 A. M.—Preliminary Meeting

July 3, 1 P. M.—Call to order by President C. U. Monday, calling roll of Officers and Representatives, Reading Minutes, Report of Credentials and Auditing Committee, Report of Officers, Address of Welcome by Mayor of Kinston, Response by Mrs. D. Mille and others.

Subject.—"Relationship which should exist between Postmaster and Carrier." Discussion by B. L. Hester, C. H. Baines and Postmaster of Kinston.

Subject.—"Insurance." S. H. Rogers, J. M. Hartis, T. S. Royster and others.

Subject.—"Penny Nuisances and How to Overcome It." Discussion by W. G. Gore, C. B. Satterfield, P. C. Dillard and others.

Wednesday, July 4th, 9 A. M.—Call to order by President.

Report of Standing Committees.

Subject.—"Good Roads and how to obtain them." Discussion by W. G. Foard, J. W. Hollifield, C. J. Southland and others.

Subject.—"Does a Rural Carrier Grow Old?" Discussion by B. L. Hester, E. D. Pearsall, Oscar Suttan and others.

Question as to Carriers' Duties, Privileges, etc., by all Delegates.

Subject.—"Organization." Discussion by the Officers and others.

Adjournment for Photograph.

1 P. M.—Call to Order, Report of Standing Committee, Report of Committee on Constitution, Report of Committee on Resolutions, Electing Officers, Selecting Place for Next Meeting.

New Enterprises.

Charters are granted the Tar River Manufacturing Company of Louisville to manufacture anything out of cotton, wood or grain, capital stock \$20,000. Robert G. Allen chief stockholder; the White-Jetton Company to deal in general merchandise at Lincoln, capital \$25,000.

Body Found in Well.

Elm City, Special.—The body of Mr. H. C. Braswell, who resides on his farm at Upper Town Creek church was found in a well and the remains were brought here for burial. Mr. Braswell probably committed suicide while suffering temporary insanity. No one saw him jump in the well, but a broken window in his room would lead to the impression that he jumped through that and running to the well jumped in. His body was in three or four feet of water, head downward.

Struck by Lightning.

Salisbury, Special.—During a hard rain and electrical storm here Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock lightning struck the rectifying house of J. G. Broadnax and Company, located in the southeastern part of the city and set it on fire. The firemen responded to the alarm but the building being a frame structure and containing large quantities of whiskey burned rapidly. The loss is heavy. The company will re-enter business.

NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These prices represent the prices paid to wagons:

Good middling... 11-1-8
Strict middling... 11-1-8
Middling... 11-1-8
Good middling, tinged... 11-1-8
Stains... 9 to 10

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, steady... 11-1-6
New Orleans, easy... 10-15-6
Mobile, quiet... 10-5-8
Savannah, quiet... 10-3-4
Charleston, quiet... 10-9-16
Wilmington, steady... 10-3-4
Norfolk, quiet... 11-1-8
Baltimore, nominal... 11-1-8
New York, steady... 10-9-0
Boston, quiet... 10-9-0
Houston, steady... 11-1-8
Augusta, steady... 11-1-8
Memphis, quiet... 10-7-8

Carolina Summer School.

Wilmington, Special.—The Carolina Summer School for Sunday school workers of all churches in the Carolinas and along the Atlantic seaboard which has been in session the past week at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville beach, came to a close with what was termed a closing recognition service. The institute was conducted largely by Dr. H. M. Hamill, of Nashville, Tenn., superintendent of training work of the Southern Methodist Church, and his wife, a primary specialist. The sessions have brought between three and four hundred visitors to the beach and the school is declared to have been a great success in every way. Among the prominent teachers in the school were Prof. H. B. Carr, of the chair of Greek in Vanderbilt University; Dr. J. A. B. Sherer, the gifted president of Newberry College, S. C.; Miss Hida North of the Washington public schools, and Rev. N. M. Watson of Grace church, Wilmington. Excellent music has been furnished by the North Carolina Conference Quartette composed of Mr. R. M. Phillips of Raleigh; Rev. A. J. Parker, of Wilmington; Rev. Euclid McWhorter, of Maxton, and Rev. J. H. Frizell, of Sanford.

Officers Elected.

Lake Toxaway, Special.—The tenth annual convention of the State Bankers' Association closed last week. The principal business was the election of officers for the following year. The election resulted as follows:

John F. Wiley, of Durham, president; H. J. Jackson, of Raleigh; W. T. Old, of Elizabeth City, and W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, vice-presidents; W. A. Hunt, of Henderson, secretary and treasurer; Charles N. Evans, of Wilmington; E. Sluder, of Asheville; J. O. Ellington, of Fayetteville; George W. Maslin, of Waynesville; J. F. Watlington, of Reidsville; J. S. Little, of Greenville, and J. S. Bradshaw, of Roxboro, members of the executive committee; George Stevens, of Charlotte; W. G. Bradshaw, of High Point; G. S. Covington, of Rockingham, and J. V. Grainger, of Wilmington, delegates to the convention of the American Bankers' Association; alternates, H. I. Woodhouse, of Concord; C. P. McNeely, of Mooresville; R. W. Grainger, of North Wilkesboro, and R. W. Taylor, of Morehead City.

Arm Torn From His Body.

Greensboro, Special.—Eugene G. West was the victim of a most horrible accident at the plant of the Greensboro Wood Fibre Plaster Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer, Thursday afternoon, when he lost an arm by injuries necessitating an amputation of the member, just below the right shoulder.

North Sate News.

B. B. Hewitt conductor on a car of the Charlotte Railway and Electric company was instantly killed last week by being run over by his own car.

In the suit of the State Corporation Commission to compel the Southern Railway to retain its former schedule of rates of Raleigh in order to make connections with the Seaboard Air Line the matter was finally settled by the State withdrawing its order and paying the costs in the case.

Postmaster Bailey of Raleigh, announces that he is not applying for reappointment.

Friends of Chairman McNeill, of the corporation commission say enough counties have instructed for him to make his renomination certain.

The Governor appoints L. G. Daniels, of Newbern, a director of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway vice C. T. Watson, deceased.

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WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING

What is Being Done Day by Day By the National House and Senate.

Goes to Conference.

"I move to suspend the rules, discharge the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union from the consideration of the Senate amendments to the agricultural appropriation bill, disagree to all the amendments except number 29 (the meat inspection amendment), to concur in amendment recommended by the committee on agriculture, and ask for a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes."

Interest was shown in every part of the House when Mr. Wadsworth made the above motion. The reading of the meat inspection amendment was begun, nearly every member present following the reading with bill in hand.

Mr. Wadsworth in explaining the changes made in the substitute said that the changes were mostly in verbiage and then took them up serially. He called attention to the elimination of the court review clause and date of inspection.

One Dissenting Vote.

Mr. Wadsworth's motion to send the bill to conference was agreed to with the single dissenting vote of Mr. De Armond. The Speaker appointed as conferees Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Lever, of South Carolina.

Mr. Williams, Mississippi, interposed a vigorous protest at the last appointment, the chair having passed over Messrs. Lamb, of Virginia, and Bowie, of Alabama, both being opposed to the committee amendment, while Mr. Lever favored it. Mr. Williams said it was a "slap in the face" of Mr. Lamb and he protested.

A vigorous conference was held at the desk between the Speaker, Mr. Williams and Mr. Wadsworth. The Speaker withdrew the conferees temporarily, but later reappointed Messrs. Wadsworth and Scott and substituted Mr. Lamb for Mr. Lever, the latter having asked to be excused.

When the bill was turned to the Senate, Senator Proctor, chairman of the committee on agriculture, asked that the meat inspection amendment be printed and that the bill lie on the table.

Matter Discussed.

Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, including Representative Adams, of Wisconsin, assisted by several of the officials of the Department of Agriculture, devoted some time to a discussion of various features of the amendment prepared by the House committee to which the President has pointed out his objections. There is to be a meeting of the full committee, and an effort is being made to agree on some ground of modification of the objectionable features, so as to facilitate action on the measure. Mr. Adams, who was at the White House Friday and was made acquainted with the President's views, explained them in detail to his colleagues on the committee. A suggested amendment, which Mr. Adams says emanated from the Department of Agriculture officials and which, it is said, is favorably considered by the President, has been brought forward to eliminate the objections set out by the President to the court review proposed by the amendment. This new proposition is designed to give the Secretary of Agriculture the final control of the situation, so far as the question of the fitness of the

slaughtered animals for human food is concerned, by the insertion of the following clause in the paragraph of the amendment relating to the inspection and condemnation at the post-mortem examination of such animals:

Which in the judgment of the Secretary of Agriculture are sound, healthful, wholesome and fit for human food.

This clause is suggested to take the place of the words "found to be unsound, unhealthful," etc.

Statehood Report in Senate.

The conference report on the statehood bill was withdrawn from, and again presented to the Senate, the new report containing the compromise provision agreed upon by the conferees of the two houses. There was some discussion of the power of the conferees to withdraw the report, and the withdrawal was only permitted by a vote. The new report was not considered.

Much of the remainder of the day was devoted to the bill extending to 36 hours the time that live stock may be carried in transit without unloading. Senator Warren was in charge of the measure and he and a number of Senators debated it at length. During the discussion there was some reference to the proposed legislation for the regulation of packing houses,

THE NATIONAL GAME.

Bay is said to have scored from first on a bunt to the pitcher. George Stone, of St. Louis, leads the American League batsmen.

Washington now regrets letting Congalton get away to Cleveland. Pitcher Norwood Gibson has been given his unconditional release by Boston.

The Chicago Club has traded pitcher Bob Wicker to Cincinnati for pitcher Orville Overall.

Ted Sullivan thinks New York will have hard battle to keep Chicago out of first place this season.

Ned Hanlon says he will not retire from the game till he has given Cincinnati a champion team.

Sockalexis, the once famous ball player of the Cleveland Club, is digging clams on the Maine coast.

President Harry Pulliam says that the National League is having the most prosperous season in many years.

Stanley Robinson says the Cardinals are to have a new steel grand stand with concrete foundations that will seat 25,000.

Paul Radford, the veteran who played with the Boston champions in 1883, is playing right field for the Lynn, Mass., team this season.

And now big Joss of the Cleveland Blues is said to have acquired the Mathewson fallaway ball. Clarkson has the nearest thing to it yet seen.

Old Joe Sugden, who went back to the minors this year, after a long career in the big leagues, is playing first base for St. Paul and batting at a .400 clip thus far.

Chase is playing better ball this season than last. He has steadied down a bit and is less fidgety. His work on low throws has been particularly good this season.

In the natural course of events the Phillies are more likely winners of the National League pennant, after the New Yorks get through winning it, than any other team. They have a stronger nucleus of comparatively young players.

Three years is about the limit for a player in one town. This has been proved with Baltimore, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh and Chicago, as well as Boston and Americans. Both Lajoie and Wagner have fallen off in batting this season. Probably Ward will be the new king of swat.

The trouble with naming the "biggest battleship" Uncle Sam or New York is that it might not long remain the biggest, suggests the New York World.